

Welcome Back! I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer vacation and that you are ready for an outstanding musical year. Band is a FULL YEAR class based on group participation and attention. We rehearse music instead of taking lecture notes, we practice instruments at home instead of doing homework, and we perform in concerts instead of taking written exams. Because group participation is essential for band, everyone must do their part to ensure success for the entire group.

CRITERIA FOR GRADES:

1. Attending ALL our performances and Buena rehearsals. Band is a performing art. The concerts, therefore, are an integral part of class. If you are sick and bring a SIGNED parent note *immediately* following the performance, you may make up the performance by playing for the class. If you miss the performance for any other reason (that is not excused by the director), your grade will automatically be dropped to a D for the grading period. If you are not at the 2 Buena rehearsals because you did not turn in your permission slip, it will affect your concert grade.....100 points per performance
2. Having instrument, music, and pencil EVERY day. Alternate work that MUST be turned in by the end of the period will be assigned if a student does not have their instrument. You have 2 times per grading period for whatever reason to be unprepared. After that, your grade is lowered 1/2 letter grade each time you are not prepared. (If your instrument is being repaired, you need to bring a signed parent note *the day* you do not have your instrument or it will count as being unprepared for class.)
3. Playing and vocabulary tests.....10 points per test
4. Practice Record.....10 points per week
5. Participation points are given

CLASS RULES:

1. RESPECT each other, the band room, and its contents.
2. Follow instructions.
3. Be ready to play when class begins.
4. Keep your hands, feet, and instrument to yourself.
5. Remain **SEATED** until you are excused.
6. NO food (including candy & gum) or drinks in the band room.

TARIDES: Students must be in the band room BEFORE the tardy bell rings – not walking in as it is ringing.

MISBEHAVIOR:

You are always expected to be on your best behavior during class and at all performances/rehearsals. I incorporate a student-centered discipline program. A series of non-verbal cues and time-outs will be given to students to keep them on track. A student’s behavior level will drop when they continue to get time-outs. After the first 3 time-outs in a (school) week, a Behavior Contract will be written up, discussed with the director and sent home. It must be signed by the student and parent and returned the *following school day*. If the student’s behavior level continues to drop, I will issue a Student Success Agreement for what the student needs to do to stay in class. It will be discussed and sent home. It must be signed by the student and parent and returned the *following school day*. If the student’s behavior level continues to drop and they are a disruption to class, they could possibly be removed permanently from class.

INSTRUMENT USE AND SIGN OUT:

Students who sign out and use a school instrument are responsible for the instrument and anything that happens while they are using it. Students are responsible to have the instrument fixed if anything needs to be fixed. If the instrument is lost or stolen, the student is responsible to replace the instrument. The instrument should be returned with everything that was given out. If the accessories are not returned with the instrument, the student is responsible to replace them. (Ex., mouthpiece, neck strap, ligature, cleaners, etc.) Instruments will first be signed out to students who used them the previous year. Instruments may not be taken home until the expectation sheet, health forms, and permission slip is turned in.

MATERIALS NEEDED FOR CLASS:

Available at local music stores. ALL band members should have the instrument they want to play, accessories for that instrument (reeds, neck strap, mouthpiece, valve oil, cleaning swab, etc.), and the band book. Beginning and Howlers bands – Essential Elements 2000 FIRST, SECOND book. Coyote and Symphonic bands – Essential Elements 2000 FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD (Essential Technique 2000) book. Students leave their instruments in the band closet at their own risk. Apache is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Percussion are urged to put LOCKS on their kits.

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If you can help with the bands this year, please check our performance calendar and send me an email.

UNIFORMS:

Uniforms *will not* be issued until the expectation signature sheet, health packet, and permission slip are returned to Mrs. Erhalt. Students returning will be fitted first and given their uniform from the previous year. We will then fit everyone else. If any part of the uniform is lost, damaged, and/or cannot be used the following year, you must pay the replacement fee at the time the uniform is turned in. ***Detentions will be assigned until uniforms are turned in and paid for.*** The uniform costs for replacement are as follows:

Coat	\$193 replacement fee
Hat	\$46 replacement fee
Bibbers	\$95 replacement fee
Braid	\$15 replacement fee
Beret	\$15 replacement fee
Suspenders	\$5 replacement fee
Flag White Pants	\$50 replacement fee
White Apache Shirt	\$30 replacement fee
Sash	\$8 replacement fee
Flag Shirt	\$30 replacement fee
Cowboy Hat	\$20 replacement fee

Coyote & Symphonic: WHITE gloves, WHITE shoes (with white laces), and WHITE socks - you supply. Short sleeve or long sleeve shirt for under jacket (depending on the weather) – you supply.

Belt for flag white pants (everyone who uses them) – you supply.

*Symphonic and Flag members should also remember that PLAIN WHITE undergarments **must** be worn under the white band pants/bibbers and white Apache shirts. The pants and shirts are thin.

UNIFORM CARE & CLEANING:

We are very excited to have these wonderful uniforms. We want them to last. Therefore, uniforms must be **professionally dry-cleaned** after the final wearing - before being returned. The braid does not get dry-cleaned. Be sure to reattach the braid and inside collar on the uniform before you return it. **DO NOT** use a home dry-cleaning kit. The flag/banner uniforms can be washed in the washer, but should be *line dried*. Wash on delicate cycle. Do not use bleach. Do not iron the patch on the shirt. Do **NOT** iron the sash!

It is your responsibility to take care of your uniform. If any part is lost or damaged so we cannot use it the following year, you are responsible to pay the replacement fee when the uniform is returned.

1. After a performance, hang the bibbers and coat out **separately** to dry. Do **NOT** put in a closet until you know the uniform is dry. Do **NOT** dry the uniform in a dryer!
2. When traveling on a bus, uniforms will not be put in the bus rack or balled up and placed anywhere else. It is best to leave the pants on and fold the jacket and hold onto it.
3. Your uniform must be **professionally dry-cleaned** after the FINAL performance. Please advise the dry cleaners to **not** treat on or around the arm patches as this can damage them.
4. Symphonic uniforms will be returned in April. Coyote uniforms will be returned in January or February. Failure to return your dry-cleaned uniform (and pay for any part that is lost/damaged/unusable for next year) by the due date will result in lunch or after school detentions until you turn it in.
5. **NO ONE** wears any part of your uniform but **YOU!**

CONCERT AND BUENA REHEARSAL ETIQUETTE: Please see Concert Etiquette for parents and students on the Apache Site for more details.

BUENA REHEARSALS: We go to Buena twice a year for rehearsals – once in December and once in May. Student will not go if permission slip is not on file. *This will affect their concert grade.* All school and band rules apply along with the following:

1. No food or drinks in the auditorium.
2. No student leaves the auditorium without checking with a chaperone or the director. (If students need to use the restroom or get a drink, they will go one at a time.)
3. **REMAIN** seated in the front rows of the auditorium unless otherwise directed.
4. Be respectful to the chaperones and listen to them.

Below is our **PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE** for the 2007-2008 school year. You are responsible to be at ALL performances for your band. Additional performances may come up. As much advance notice as possible will be given.

Oct. 15 - Homecoming practice with Buena at Buena football field 6:00 p.m. (Parents are responsible for transportation.) - *Symphonic Band, Flags/Banner.*

Oct. 19 – Buena Homecoming Parade and Pre-Game Show; 5:00-7:00 pm. Times are subject to change. (Parents are responsible for transportation.) - *Symphonic Band, Flags/Banner.*

November 10th – Veteran’s Parade, time/line up place TBA. (Parents are responsible for transportation.) – *Symphonic Band, Flags/Banner.*

December 1 – Holiday Parade, 10:00 a.m. Meet at 9:30 a.m. on Buffalo Solider Trail. (Parents are responsible for transportation.) — *Coyote & Symphonic Bands, Flags/Banner.*

December 8 – Tucson Parade of Lights, time TBA – *Symphonic Band, Flags/Banner.* (This is a night time parade. We will go by bus. Parents need to get students to and from Apache.)

December 11 – AMS Band Concert at Buena, 7:15 PM (Parents are responsible for transportation.) – *ALL Bands.*

March 6 – AMS Band Concert in AMS Cafeteria, 7:00 PM – *ALL Bands.*

March 13 – All City Concert at Buena, 7:00 PM (Parents are responsible for transportation.) – *Symphonic Band.*

March ? - Tentative. St. Patrick’s Day Parade in Sierra Vista, time TBA. (Parents are responsible for transportation.) - *Symphonic Band, Flags/Banner.*

April 12? - Tentative. Tombstone Rose Festival Parade, time TBA – *Symphonic Band, Flags/Banner.* (We will go by bus. Parents need to get students to and from Apache.)

May 6 – AMS Band Concert at Buena, 7:15 PM (Parents are responsible for transportation.) – *ALL Bands.*

May ? – Howlers play for 8th grade promotion. We will go to and from Buena by bus.

*Students need to be picked up within 15 minutes following a performance. We will leave 15 minutes after **our part** of an out-of-town performance. If you are not at the bus to pick up your child within 15 minutes following our part of an out-of-town performance, your child will ride the bus home.

*Students should meet in the band room for concerts no later than 6:45 p.m. dressed nicely (uniforms if the director has told you).

Ladies: shirt/skirt, shirt/dress pants, dress (appropriate lengths for skirts and dresses), shoes.
Gentlemen: shirt (that is tucked in), tie, dress pants, shoes.

If you have a question about something you want to wear, check the school dress code.

Once you are in the band room, you need to stay in the band room until your group plays. You must be respectful of the director and chaperones. Everyone is urged to stay for the entire concert.

UNDERSTANDING OF BAND EXPECTATIONS

I have read and understand all the requirements and expectations of being in the Apache Bands. I understand:

1. I am to be at ALL *performances* and *Buena rehearsals*.
2. What I need to supply to be in band.
3. I must follow all rules and directions and that there are consequences for not doing so.
4. If I miss a concert because I am sick, I must bring a signed parent note *immediately* following the performance if I want to make it up. If I miss for any other reason that is not excused by the director, my grade for the 9 weeks will be lowered to a D.
5. I am to professionally dry-clean and return the uniform issued. I will pay a replacement fee (when the uniform is returned) if any part of the uniform is lost or damaged beyond use.
6. If I am using a school instrument, I am the one to have it fixed during the year when it needs to be fixed. If any part of the instrument is lost or stolen, I will replace it. All accessories will be returned with the instrument. (Neck strap, mouth piece, valve oil, cork grease, cleaners, etc.)

Student Name	Band	Date
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Parent Signature	Date
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Current (Parent) email address for band updates, etc. Please print legibly.

Home Address	Phone #
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*To be returned the second Friday of school with the health packet and permission slip. Uniform will not be issued and school instrument may NOT be taken home until all paper work is returned. Failure to return this could result in your not participating in band and your grade being affected.